

#1 High School Intro letter

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Dear 8th Grade Families,

Welcome back! I hope you had a relaxing and rejuvenating summer. My name is **Star Corvinelli**, and for those who do not know me, I am the **School Counselor for the Class of 2026**. I will be assisting you throughout the high school application process this year.

Once I receive final updates from the Department of Education's Office of High School Admissions, I will be holding an **information session for parents**. I will also be holding an **assembly for your children during the school day**.

Below is a timeline of important dates for the high school admissions process:

- **TBD, Late September:** MS 447 High School Workshop (on zoom)
- **Tuesday, October 7, 2025:** High School Application, LaGuardia Application, and Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) Registration Opens
- **Friday, October 31, 2025:** SHSAT Registration Closes
- **Wednesday, December 3, 2025:** High School and LaGuardia Applications Close
- **Thursday, March 5, 2026:** High School Offer Release

Please note these dates are subject to change.

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Resources to Help You Navigate the High School Admissions Process:

- **Get organized!** Create a chart that highlights some of the most important features to consider when evaluating high schools. You can use [this chart](#) as a template.
- **[My Schools High School Directory](#):** MySchools features the DOE online NYC public school directory where you can filter your search by size, interest areas, borough, accessibility, admissions method, and early college. The DOE requires NYC families to submit high school applications via MySchools. If you do not have a MySchools account, you will create an account in the fall 2025 using a PIN

number that you will receive from enrollment. Amy Sirot, MS 447 Parent Coordinator can assist you with the process. We do ask that you wait until the 2nd week of school to contact her about this. Thank you!

- Schools will be announcing their **open house** dates soon. These dates are posted on individual school websites and on the **My Schools calendar**.
- **[DOE High School Information](#)**: You can find comprehensive information about the high school admissions process on this page.
- **[Highlights of New York City High Schools](#)**: Here you can find a list of New York City High schools organized by school focus.
- **[Inside Schools](#)**: Inside Schools is a project of the Center for New York City Affairs at The New School. They provide independent information about New York City's public schools. Their staff include journalists, parents and public school advocates. Their staff visits many schools every year and interviews principals, teachers, students, and parents. They observe what's happening in the classrooms, cafeterias, hallways and even the bathrooms.
- **Webinar Recording**: Inside Schools and NYC Admissions Solutions hosted a free webinar that you can watch [here](#).
- **NYC SIFT**: Check out [this](#) amazing resource, another NYC parent created for updates on open houses and high school suggestions. You can also read this [article](#) that explains the history of the tool in more detail.
- **Connect with Other Parents**: Exchange resources with other NYC parents through the "**Applying to High School NYC**" Facebook group.

Warm wishes,

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